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47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

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FOR THE CORRECTIONS OVERSIGHT, COURTS AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION OF THE
TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO
STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCING THE NUMBER OF
UNINSURED MOTORISTS AMONG LOW-INCOME POPULATIONS IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Financial Responsibility Act
requires owners of motor vehicles to possess the means to pay
damages arising out of any motor vehicle crash for which they
are responsible, either through proper self-insurance or
through the purchase of a liability insurance policy; and

WHEREAS, law-abiding, responsible drivers bear the costs
of uninsured drivers by paying higher insurance premiums and by
not being properly compensated when they are the victims of
uninsured drivers; and

WHEREAS, personal economics may be one reason that some

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1 drivers do not purchase automobile liability insurance;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the director of the motor vehicle
4 division of the taxation and revenue department be requested to
5 convene a task force to study and make recommendations for
6 reducing the number of uninsured motorists, focusing on costs
7 and alternatives for low-income populations in New Mexico; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force include
9 representatives from the motor vehicle division, the human
10 services department, the insurance industry and interested
11 advocacy groups; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force review models
13 and programs of other states for reducing the number of
14 uninsured motorists; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force report its
16 findings and recommendations to the appropriate interim
17 legislative committee no later than November 1, 2005; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
19 transmitted to the director of the motor vehicle division of
20 the taxation and revenue department and to the secretary of
21 human services.